

**SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON  
March 2, 2007  
10 a.m., MST**

The External Affairs Committee (EAC) of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) met in regular session in the 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the ASRS Office, 3300 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85012. Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting was teleconferenced to the ASRS Tucson office at 7660 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite 108, Tucson, Arizona, 85710.

**1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Opening Remarks**

Present:                   Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chair  
                              Dr. Keith Meredith, Member (teleconferenced)  
                              Mr. Christopher Harris, Member (teleconferenced)  
                              Mr. Steven Zeman, Vice-Chair

A quorum of the Committee was present for the purpose of conducting business.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the February 2, 2007 EAC Meeting**

Mr. Gutierrez asked if there were any corrections or comments on the minutes of the February 2, 2007 EAC meeting. Receiving none, Mr. Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

*Motion:* Mr. Steve Zeman moved that the External Affairs Committee approve the minutes of the February 2, 2007 EAC meeting.

Dr. Meredith seconded the motion.

By a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 excused (Mr. Harris joined the meeting after this vote took place) the motion was approved.

**4. Presentation, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding 2007 Legislative Issues.**

Before addressing the status of various bills, Ms. Lesli Sorensen, Government Relations Officer, updated the Committee on nominations. She said that Mr. Gutierrez's nomination has been assigned to the Senate FIIR Committee, but has not been scheduled for hearing yet. Ms. Sorensen thinks it will be scheduled on March 12 or 19. Mr. Connolly's nomination was moved to the full Senate with a 5 – 0 vote. Mr. McLaughlin's nomination was taken off the agenda and not heard. To Ms. Sorensen's understanding, Senator Gorman has concerns about the liberal nature of Mr. McLaughlin's resume, and would like to meet with him to discuss her concerns.

*(At this time, Mr. Chris Harris joined the committee via teleconference.)*

Ms. Sorensen asked if there were any questions regarding the nominations. Mr. Gutierrez said, assuming his and other nominations get on the board, will they be waiting until the end of session to vote?

Ms. Sorensen responded that the nominations will be run when the Committee has time to do so.

Ms. Sorensen then provided updates for the following bills:

#### ASRS Initiated Bills

- 1) **HB 2141** ASRS benefits; normal retirement; 1/16 first read, 1/17 second read, 1/22 PIR; next stop, House Rules
- 2) **HB 2145** ASRS long-term disability amendments; 1/16 first read, 1/17 second read, 1/22 PIR, 2/13 C&P Hse Rules, 2/13 Min Caucus Y, 2/20 Maj Caucus Y, 2/22 COW DPA, 2/26 third read, 2/27 first read; next stop: FIIR
- 3) **HB 2146** Appropriation; retirement system; Burke litigation; 2/5 first read, 2/6 second read; next stop: house APPROP
- 4) **HB 2147** ASRS investment management; 11/16 first read, 1/17 second read, 1/22 PIR, 2/13 C&P Hse Rules, 2/13 Min Caucus Y, 2/20 Maj Caucus Y, 2/22 COW DPA, 2/26 third read, 2/27 first read; next stop: FIIR
- 5) **HB 2148** ASRS active military service credit; 1/16 first read, 1/17 second read, 1/22 PIR, 2/13 C&P Hse Rules, 2/13 Min Caucus Y, 2/20 Maj Caucus Y, 2/22 Hse COW DPA, 2/26 third read, 2/27 first read; next stop: FIIR
- 6) **SB 1060** ASRS federal conforming changes; 1/09 first read, 1/10 second read, 1/18 FIIR, 1/29 Sen Rules, 1/30 Maj & Min Caucus Y, 2/1, third read, 2/14 Hse first read, 2/15 Hse second read; next stop PIR 3/5
- 7) **SB 1199** ASRS unclaimed monies; second read 1/23; next stop FIIR 1/29; 2/13 APPROP, 2/26 Rules, 2/27 Maj & Min Caucus Y, 3/1 Sen COW; Next stop third read
- 8) **SB 1200** Public supplemental defined contribution plans; second read 1/23; 2/5 FIIR, 2/21 Sen Rules; 2/22 COW, 2/22 third read, 2/28 Hse first read, 3/1 Hse second read; next stop PIR

#### Other Bills Related to ASRS

- 9) **HB 2023** ASRS payments; technical correction; second read 1/09; 2/7 Maj & Min Caucus, 2/14 third read, 2/15 Sen first read, 2/20 Sen second read; next stop Sen Rules
- 10) **HB 2024** Defined contribution plan; technical correction; second read 1/09, 2/7 Maj & Min Caucus, 2/14 third read, 2/15 Sen first read, 2/20 Sen second read; next stop Sen Rules
- 11) **HB2025** ASRS level income alternative; 1/08 first read, 1/09 second read, 2/14 NRPS HELD; probably dead
- 12) **HB 2027** ASRS employer termination incentive program; 1/09 second read; probably dead
- 13) **HB 2132** AHCCS; retirees; eligible members; second read 1/17; next stop PIR; probably dead
- 14) **HB 2140** Special retirement plans; omnibus amendments; 1/16 first read, 1/17 second read; next stop PIR; probably dead
- 15) **HB 2142** CORP; membership; ordinary disability; 1/17 second read, 2/5 PIR, 2/20 Hse Rules, 2/20 Maj & Min Caucus Y; next stop Hse third read
- 16) **HB 2192** ASRS postdoctoral scholars; eligibility; 1/17 second read, 2/5 PIR, 2/20 Hse Rules, 2/20 Maj & Min Caucus; next stop Hse COW
- 17) **HB 2196** Retiree health insurance; rural subsidy; 1/17 second read, 2/12 PIR HELD, 2/13 PIR Withdrawn; next stop Hse APPROP; probably dead
- 18) **HB 2215** Retirement plans; domestic relations orders; 1/16 first read, 1/17 second read, 2/5 PIR, 2/13 Hse Rules, 2/13 Min Caucus, 2/20 Maj Caucus, 2/22 Hse COW, 2/26 third read, 2/27 first read; next stop FIIR
- 19) **HB 2269** CORP; joinders; dispatchers; asset transfer; 1/22 second read, 1/29 PIR, 2/6 Hse Rules, 2/6 Maj & Min Caucus, 2/8 COW, 2/12 third read, 2/13 Sen first read, 2/20 Sen second read; next stop FIIR
- 20) **HB 2585** Private retiree health insurance; subsidy; 1/22 second read, 2/5 PIR HELD, 2/13 PIR withdrawn; next stop APPROP; probably dead

- 21) **HB 2630** ASRS retiree graded multiplier increase; 2/5 first read, 2/6 second read; next stop Hse ED; probably dead
- 22) **HB 2654** ASRS return to work conditions; 2/5 first read, 2/6 second read; next stop Hse ED; probably dead
- 23) **HCR 2040** Public defined benefit plans; 2/5 first read, 2/6 second read; next stop PIR; probably dead
- 24) **SB 1004** Deferred compensation programs; technical correction; 1/08 first read, 1/09 second read, 2/19 Sen rules, 2/19 Maj & Min Caucus, 2/20 COW, 2/20 third read, 2/21 Hse first read, 2/22 Hse second read; next stop Hse Rules
- 25) **SB 1104** Information security & privacy office; 1/22 Sen GOV; 2/20 APPROP; next stop Sen Rules
- 26) **SB 1209** PSPRS; prior service redemption; 1/22 first read, 1/23 second read; next stop FIIR; probably dead
- 27) **SB 1243** ASRS; reinstatement; technical correction; 1/23 first read, 1/24 second read; probable striker
- 28) **SB 1308** CORP; probation officers; service purchase; 1/24 first read, 1/24 second read; next stop FIIR; probably dead
- 29) **SB 1309** CORP; disability retirements; 1/24 first read, 1/25 second read, 2/12 FIIR, 2/21 Maj & Min Caucus Y; next stop Sen COW
- 30) **SCR 1016** NOW: public agency lobbying prohibition; 1/25 first read, 1/29 second read, 2/13 JUD withdrawn, 2/15 PSHS DPA/SE; next stop Sen Rules

#### 5. Future EAC Agenda Items

- 1) The next EAC meeting will be held April 6, 2007.
- 2) Continued discussion of the ASRS bills and other related bills.

#### 7. Call to the Public.....Mr. Jaime Gutierrez

Mr. Charlie Chittenden of Buck Consultants added a suggestion for future legislation. He commented it would be beneficial if ASRS were exempted from GRRC oversight, similar to what PSPRS is trying to propose.

There was brief discussion regarding PSPRS's bill.

#### 8. Adjournment of the ASRS External Affairs Committee

Mr. Gutierrez moved that the March 2, 2007 External Affairs Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Melissa Jensen  
Committee Secretary

Date

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Patrick M. Klein  
Assistant Director, External Affairs

Date